By the MAYOR.

Sir *Robert Ducey* Mayor, 1630.

Orders heretofore deviſed and agreed upon by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of the City of London, *and Conſervator of the River of Thames and Waters of* Medway, *and River* Lee, *for Conſervation and Preſervation of the River of* Thames, *and of the Brood and Fry of Fiſh therein, as followeth.*

FIRST, That no Man, upon Penalty and Forfeiture of his Net, and Ten Pounds, with Impriſonment at the Diſcretion of

No Perſon to ſhute any Draw-Net, or Coulter-Net, before Sun-riſing, nor after Sun-ſetting.

the Lord-Mayor, ſhall preſume to ſhute any Draw-Net or Coulter-Net at any Time of the Year, before Sun-riſing, nor after Sun-ſetting: For that in the Night-time unlawful Nets may be uſed, and other Abuſes offered, to the great Hurt and Annoyance of the ſaid River of *Thames:* And to ſhute in their ſeveral Rooms well known.

No Perſon ſhall lye, or bend over any Net, during the Time of the Flood.

2. *Item.* That no Fiſherman or other ſhall ſtill, lye, or bend-over any Net during the Time of the Flood, whereby both Salmons and other Kinds of Fiſh may be hindred and kept back from ſwimming upwards, to the Benefit and Profit of ſuch Fiſhermen as dwell in the Weſt Part of the ſaid River; upon the like Pain and Penalty.

No Fiſherman or other, ſhall ſhute any Net after the 14th of *Sept.*

3. *Item,* That no Fiſherman or other ſhall ſhute any Draw-Net, Cod-Net, or other Net or Engine, whereby any Salmon Fiſh may be taken, after *Holyrood-day* is paſt, being the 14th Day of *Stptember,* becauſe at that Time they are out of Seaſon, and remain here upon the River only to ſpawn and breed: Upon the like Penalty.

4. *Item,*

4. *Item*, That no Fiſherman or other, ſhall fiſh with any Net, or lay or hale any Weel, or uſe any other Net or Engine whatſoever, from Sun-ſetting on *Saturday-night* until Sun-riſing upon *Monday-Morning*, no, nor during all the Time of *Lent*, as being a Thing not only very hurtful to the ſaid River, but alſo a great Abuſe and Profaning of the Lord's Sabbath: Upon the like Penalty.

No Fiſherman or other ſhall fiſh from Sun ſetting on *Saturday night*, until Sun-riſing on *Monday*.

5. *Item*, That no Fiſherman or other ſhall at any Time hereafter ſhip their Draw-Nets (called *Shipping aſtern*) into their Boats, before ſuch Time as they have laid forth all their whole Net, as they do when they Land towards a Low-water; nor that they ſhip ſome Part of their ſaid Net, and land the Reſt; but that from henceforth they ſhall fulfil and obſerve that ancient Order of landing their Nets (as they have heretofore uſually done) at Low-water: upon the like Payment.

No Fiſherman or other ſhall ſhip their Draw-Nets before they have laid forth their whole Net.

6. *Item*, That no Fiſherman or other Perſon whatſoever, ſhall uſe any Speer called an *Eel-Speer* at any Time of the Year, for that they are likewiſe very great Deſtroyers of Barbels

No Fiſherman or other to uſe any Speer; nor work with any Bley Net Rug-Net, or

Smelt-Net, *Westward*, farther than *Isleworth Church* from *Mar.* 10. till *Sept.* 14. be past.

and other kind of Fish; nor shall work with any Bley-Net, Rug-Net, or Smelt-Net, upon the said Water Westward, farther then *Isleworth-Church*, from the 10th Day of *March* yearly, until *Holyrood-Day* be past, being the 14th Day of *September:* upon the like Payment.

No Fisherman or other shall use any Flue, Trammel, double-walled Net, or Hooped-Net,

7. *Item*, That no Fisherman or other, shall at any Time of the Year use or exercise any Flue, Trammel, double-walled Net, or hooped Net whatsoever, for that they are not only the utter Destruction of all breeding Barbels, and also a great spoil and hurt to the other Sorts of the young Brood and Fry of Fish, being with those kind of Nets infinitely destroyed, to the general Ruin of the River aforesaid: upon the like Payment.

No Fisherman or other Person, shall lay any Weels in any Place of the River from *Mar.* 10. to *May* 10. yearly; nor cut any Bulrushes, Flags, or Sedges from *Richmond* to the *Markstone* above *Staines-Bridge*.

8. *Item*, That no Fisherman or other shall lay any Weels, called *Kills*, in any Place of the River, from the 10th of *March* till the 10th of *May* Yearly, for that all Roches do then shed their Spawn; nor that no Man whatsoever cut any Bulrushes, or other Flags or Sedges growing upon the River, from *Richmond* unto the *Markstone* above *Staines-Bridge*, for that they are a great Succour and Safeguard

Safeguard unto the Fiſh: upon the like Payment.

No Fiſherman or other ſhall ſhute any Weel, called a *Lomb*, or a *Mill Pot*; or any other Engine, with the Head againſt the Stream; nor that no Man ſhall uſe any Purſe-Nets, otherwiſe Caſting Nets.

9. *Item*, No Fiſherman or other ſhall uſe, within the ſaid River of *Thames*, any Weel called a *Lomb*, or a *Mill-Pot*, or any other Engine, with the Head thereof againſt the Stream, upon Pain or Forfeiture of ten Pounds, and Impriſonment at the Diſcretion of the Lord-Mayor; nor that no Man whatſoever ſhall Occupy upon the ſaid River of *Thames* any Nets called *Purſe Nets*, otherwiſe *Caſting Nets:* upon the like Payment.

No Fiſherman or other ſhull rug for Flounders, either by Ebb or Flood, between *London-Bridge* and *Stangate*; but only two Caſts at low Water, and 2 Caſts at full Sea; no Flounder ſhall be taken under the Aſſize of ſix Inches, nor no one ſhall fleet with any *Bley* Net upon the Benches from *Whitehall* to the *Temple Stairs*, upon High-waters from *Whitſun-tide* to *Bartholomew Tide.*

10. *Item*, That no Fiſherman or other ſhall be ſuffered to rug for Flounders either by Ebb or by Flood, at any Time of the Year, between *London-Bridge* and *Stangate* on the South-ſide, and *Weſtminſter-Bridge* on the North-ſide, but only two Caſts at Low-water, and two Caſts at full Sea, or high Water, for the Safeguard of the Fry and Brood of Fiſh: And no Flounder ſhall be taken under the Aſſize of ſix Inches; nor that no Fiſherman or other ſhall fleet with any Bley-Net upon the Benches from *Whitehall* to the *Temple-Stairs*, upon high Waters, from *Whitſun-tide* to *Bartholomew-*

Bartholomew-Tide: upon the like Payment.

No Perſon to caſt any Carrion, &c. into the River.

11. *Item*, That no Fiſherman or other Perſon whatſoever, ſhall caſt, bring, or cauſe to be brought, any Carrion, Soil, Gravel, Rubbiſh, Sods of Earth, or any other Filth, or Annoyance, whereby Banks and Shelves are raiſed, and the common Paſſage hindered, to the great Danger of Fares, Boats, and Barges, paſſing to and fro upon the ſaid River: Nor that no Fiſherman or other ſhall drive or cauſe to be driven any Piles, Stumps or Stakes within the ſaid River of *Thames*, upon which the like Miſchief and Dangers may ariſe; upon the like Pain and Penalty as aforeſaid.

No Fiſherman to drive any Stakes.

No Fiſherman or other to take up any Drift or Wreck, without giving Notice to the *Water-Bailiff* or his Subſtitute.

12. *Item*, That no Fiſherman or other ſhall preſume to take up any Rack or Drift upon the Water of *Thames*, without Notice given to the Water-Bailiff or his Subſtitute within convenient Time, he ſatisfying him for his Pains, as ſhall be reaſonable and thought fitting; nor ſhall conceal and keep ſecret the ſaid Wreck or Drift from the ſaid Water-Bailiff, to the end that ſuch Order and Care may be taken therein, as hath been accuſtomed

accuſtomed, according to the Laws, and Ordinances ordained for the Preſervation of the ſaid River: upon the like Pain and Penalty, from the 10th of *March* to the 1ſt of *May*, or at any other Time.

13. *Item*, That no Fiſherman or other ſhall Fiſh with any kind of Net, or uſe any Angle-rod with more than one Hook upon a Line, or ſaw or ſcratch for Barbel within the limits of *London-bridge*, or ſhall uſe any other Engine nearer unto the *Bridge* than St. *Botolph's Wharf* and the *Bridgehouſe-Wharf* on the Eaſt-ſide, nor nearer on the Weſt-ſide than St. *Mary-Overies-Stairs* and the *Old-Swan*; upon the Pain of Impriſonment, at the Deſcretion of the Lord-Mayor, and 6*s*. 8*d*. to the Chamber of *London*.

No Fiſherman or other ſhall fiſh with any Net, or uſe any Angled-rod with more than one Hook upon a Line; nor ſearch for Barbel within the Limits of *London-bridge*.

14. *Item*, That no Peter-men ſhall at any Time hereafter Fiſh or work with any Manner of Net upon the ſaid Water Weſtward, farther than *Richmond-Crane*, unto which Place, or near thereabouts, the Water ebbeth and floweth, for that the Fiſhing beyond that Place hath cauſed a great Diſtruction of Fiſh; upon Pain of Forfeiture of 20*s*. for every Time they

No Peterman ſhall fiſh upon the Water, *Weſtward*, farther than *Richmond Crane*.

they ſhall ſo offend, and farther Puniſhment according to the Quality of his Offence,

That no Peterman take the Tides above *Richmond*; nor above 5 go together in one Company, between *Richmond* and *London Bridge*.

15. *Item*, It is Ordered, that no Peter-man ſhall hereafter at any Time of the Year take the Tides above *Richmond*, nor go in Company together, it being found very prejudicial and hurtful both to the River and Fiſhermen, and nothing available for the furniſhing of Markets, nor ſhall go to Fiſh more than five together in one Company between *Richmond* and *London-Bridge*; upon Pain of forfeiting for every Crime 10*s*. and Impriſonment during Pleaſure.

That no Peterman or any other take any Flounders or other ſhort Fiſh not being ſix Inches Aſſize.

16. *Item*, That no Peter-man or any other take any Flounders, or any ſhort Fiſh which they have uſually called *Kettle-Fiſh*, not being ſix Inches of Aſſize, being found to be the great Deſtruction of the Fiſh: Upon the like Penalty and Pain.

Fiſhermen not to truſt to Boys, and to be enter'd in the Regiſter Book of the Water-Bailiff, before he is bound, and when his Time is expired to appear again before the Water Bailiff,

17. *Item*, That whereas many Inconveniencies have heretofore riſen to the River of *Thames*, by divers Fiſhermens keeping of Boys, who had neither the Sufficiency to take the Charge of Fiſhing, nor bound Apprentice to the ſame: Therefore from henceforth it ſhall not be lawful for any

Fiſherman

Fiſherman to keep two Boys in one Boat, unleſs the one of them be at Man's Eſtate, or thought ſufficient by the Water-Bailiff to take the Charge, or elſe that One of them be an Owner: Nor that no Fiſherman from henceforth do take any Apprentice to the ſaid Trade of Fiſhing, unleſs he firſt enters his Name in the Regeſter-Book of the Water-Bailiff of this City kept for that Purpoſe, nor under the Term of Seven Years, and that after the Epiration of the ſaid Term he likewiſe come again before the ſaid Water-Bailiff, to be by him admitted a lawful Fiſherman (as of ancient Time hath been accuſtomed;) Upon like Payment.

Apprentices Names to be Regiſtered.

Bound for Seven Years;

Admitted a Fiſherman.

18. *Item*, That no Perſon whatſoever, from *Staines-Bridge* in the Weſt, to *Yendal*, *alias Yenlet* in the Eaſt, do faſten, lay or cauſe to be laid in any Part of the River of *Thames*, any more or greater Number than two Veſſels, or two Barges, or two Lighters abreaſt, at any Yard, Wharf, Dock, Road or Chain, or in any other Place whatſoever, in, or upon the River of *Thames*, nor pretend to faſten or ſtop a Tide, to

That no Perſon from *Staines Bridge* or *Yenlet*, do faſten any more than 2 Veſſels abreaſt.

make any more or greater Number in any Place whatſoever.

That no Perſon ſhall lay Timber at any Road, Wharf, or Yard.

19. *Item*, Nor that no Perſon lay or cauſe to be laid or continue any Timber at any Road, Wharf, or Yard, within the River of *Thames*, by Reaſon whereof it is, and has often been very prejudicial and dangerous by Night and Day, to the Paſſage of the King's Subjects, and to the great Hindrance of Boats and Barges paſſing and repaſſing upon the ſaid River of *Thames*.

That no Perſon ſhall make or continue any Wharf, Building, Pot-Gallery, or other Purpreſture or Incroachment.

20. *Item*, That no Perſon do make or continue any Wharf, Building, Pot-gallery, or other Purpreſture, or Incroachment into, upon, or over any Part of the Soil of the ſaid River, whereby the ſaid River may be in the leaſt diminiſhed, nor any way annoy or prejudice the ſaid River, or the common Paſſage therein, or hurt the Banks thereof.

Fiſhermen to appear at the Chapel of *Guildhall* on every St. *Paul's* Day, being the 25th Day of *January*.

21. *Item*, That every Fiſherman upon the River of *Thames*, from *London-Bridge* unto *Staines-Bridge*, ſhall once every Year, (*viz.* upon St. *Paul's* Day, being the 25th Day of *January*) appear before the Water-Bailiff of this City, at the Chapel of the *Guildhall*, by Ten of the Clock in the Fore-

Forenoon of the ſame Day, there to enter their ſeveral Names into his Regiſter-Book kept for that Purpoſe; and farther to hear the Orders and Inſtitutions ordained for the Preſervation of the ſaid River, to be openly and publickly read, to the Intent that they and every of them may the better perform the ſame; upon pain of 6 *s.* 8 *d.* for every Default ſo made. And if any Man whatſoever, Fiſherman or other, ſhall contemptuouſly or ſtubbornly reſiſt the Water-Bailiff, being Sub-Conſervator under the Lord-Mayor, in the due Performance and Execution of his ſaid Office, he ſhall make ſuch Fine or be Impriſoned at the Diſcretion of the Lord-Mayor for the Time being, as unto his Lordſhip ſhall ſeem moſt fitting.

To Regiſter their Names.

To hear the Orders read.

Penalty 6 s. 8 d.

Reſiſting the Water-Bailiff.

To ſuffer Imprisonment.

22. *Item*, That no Fiſherman or other Perſon ſhall lay in the ſaid River of *Thames* any Eel-leaps till fourteen Days after *Eaſter* yearly, and ſo to continue until *Michaelmas* next following: Nor ſhall lay any more or greater Quantity than only two Dozen, and no more: Nor ſhall lay of the ſaid Eel-leaps until they be law-

Eel-leaps.

fully Licenſed thereunto as aforeſaid, and not otherwiſe.

Eel-Spear. 23. *Item*, That no Fiſherman or other Perſon whatſoever, ſhall uſe upon the River of *Thames*, at any Time of the Year, any Spear, called an Eel-Spear, or any other kind of Spear whatſoever, for that they are great Deſtroyers of young Brood, and other Kind of Fiſh in great Abundance, and therefore altogether unlawful; no Man to uſe them upon pain of Impriſonment, and further Fine at the Diſcretion of the Lord-Mayor.

Fiſhing out of Seaſon. 24. *Item*, that no Fiſherman, or other Perſon whatſoever, ſhall work with any Manner of Net or Engine whatſoever, to take or kill any Dace or Roch from the tenth of *March*, till the tenth of *May* yearly, for that they do then ſhed their Spawn: Nor that they take or kill any of the ſaid Dace, Roch, or other Kind of Fiſh out of their due Kind or Seaſon, nor except they contain in Length according to the true Scantling or Aſſize, and not otherwiſe.

Soil and Rubbiſh. 25. *Item*, You ſhall further enquire, and true Preſentment make, whether any Butcher, Brewer, Inn-keeper, or any

any other Perſon or Perſons, as well within the City of *London*, as in any other Country Town, or Village (as far as the Liberty of the Lord-Mayor extendeth) have caſt or put into the ſaid River any Panches, Grains, Horſe-dung, or other Rubbiſh, Soil or Filth whatſoever, to the very great Annoyance and Hurt of the ſaid River, on pain of Impriſonment, and further Fine, at the Diſcretion of the Lord-Mayor of *London*: If you know any ſuch, you ſhall preſent them.

26. *Item*, You ſhall further enquire what Royal Fiſhes have been taken within the Juriſdiction and Royalty of the Lord-Mayor of *London*, as namely, Whales, Sturgeons, Porpuſſes, and ſuch like, and to preſent the Name and Names of all ſuch Perſons as ſhall take them to the Lord-Mayor of *London* for the Time being. Royal Fiſh.

27. *Item*, That no Fiſhermen, or other Perſon whatſoever, ſhall lay in the ſaid River of *Thames* any Lampern-leaps to take Lamperns before *Bartholomew-Tide* yearly, and ſo to continue till *Good-Friday*, nor ſhall lay any more or greater Quantity than only one Rod of forty Fathom, containing Lampern Rods.

taining ſeven Dozen of Leaps, and not above: Nor ſhall lay any of the ſaid Rods until they ſhall be lawfully Licenſed by the Lord-Mayor of *London*, or by his Subſtitute, the Water-Bailiff, for the Time being.

No Encroachment to be permitted.

28. *Item*, That no Perſon do make or continue any Wharf, Building, or Potgallery, or other Purpreſture, or Incroachment into, upon, or over any Part of the Soil of the ſaid River, whereby the ſaid River may be in the leaſt diminiſhed, nor any way annoy or prejudice the ſaid River or the common Paſſage therein, or hurt the Banks thereof.

Rules to be obſerved by Fiſhermen ann others.

29. *Item*, Becauſe the Number of Fiſhermen do daily increaſe, and not only Fiſhermen, but alſo a great Number of Cabel-Hangers and Tradeſmen, ſuch as were never bound Apprentice to the Craft and Science of Fiſhing, to the great Hurt of the River, and Hindrance of Fiſhermen, the ſaid River being not able to relieve and ſuccour, the Multiplicity of them being ſo great: It is now Ordained, that every Fiſherman, dwelling near unto the ſaid River, that doth take and receive into his or their Cuſtody any Apprentice to the ſaid Trade of Fiſhing,

Apprentice.

Fiſhing, ſhall within one Month next after repair unto the Water-Bailiff of *London*, to have his Indenture written and engroſed to the End that after he may preſent him to the Chamberlain of *London* to be Enrolled, according to the ancient Cuſtom: And not to receive any Apprentice under the Term of Seven Years, and at the End and Expiration of the ſaid Term, the Maſter of the ſaid Apprentice do again preſent him to the ſaid Water-Bailiff, to be by him admitted and allowed a Fiſherman. And finally, You ſhall enquire and true Preſentment make, by the Oaths that you and every of you have taken, whether any Fiſherman, or other Perſon whatſoever they be, have with any Manner of Net or Engine offended or miſuſed himſelf in Fiſhing within the ſaid River, or whether they have any Manner of Ways made Deſtruction of the Brood and Fry of any Kind of Fiſh therein contained, contrary to the good and ancient Laws, Ordinances and Conſtitutions of the ſaid River of *Thames*. And to make a true, perfect, and faithful Preſentment of all other Kind of Enormities, Hurts, Offences, and Annoyances,

Indentures & Enrollment.

To be made Free.

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ces, touching as well Fiſhermen as any other Perſon or Perſons within the ſaid Juriſdiction, being any manner of Ways hurtful and offenſive to the ſame.

Trinkerman to be preſented for Profaning the Sabbath-Day.

30. *Item*, you ſhall faithfully and truly preſent (without any reſpect) all ſuch Perſons, Fiſhermen and others, as do prophane the Lord's Sabbath in their unlawful Fiſhings, and going forth that Day to their Labour, being to the high Diſpleaſure of Almighty God, and availeth not to the furniſhing of any Market. And if any ſuch Fiſherman have gone forth to Fiſh, having been at Home, before *Sunday* at Night, (Sun down) you ſhall faithfully and truly preſent them.

No Trinkerman to ſtand for Smelts till *Oct.* 21. and continue till *Good Friday* following.

31. *Item*, That no Trinker ſhall ſtand for Smelts till the 21ſt Day of *October* yearly, and ſo to continue until *Good-Friday* following. And to uſe no manner of Net for Smelts than full two Inches in the Forepart, Inch and half in the ſecond Part, and in the third Part, which is the Hole or Cod, Inch and Quarter wet and dry: And in the Hoſe not to exceed 11 Foot in length, and in compaſs ſixty Meiſhes, and not above: And five Hoops

Hoops placed a Foot and a half aſunder in the ſaid Cod, the Hoop to be placed within two Foot of the End of the Cod, and each Hoop to be a Foot and a half over every Way, upright within the Hoop and not otherwiſe.

No Trink to ſtand above nine Tides in a Week, except in *Lent*.

32. *Item*, That no Trink ſhall ſtand to Fiſh above Nine Tides in the Week, *viz.* Three Tides againſt *Wedneſday*, Three Tides againſt *Friday*, and Three Tides againſt *Saturday* Market, and ſo likewiſe Three Tides againſt St. *Eves*, and other Faſting-Days; and then to waſh, hale up and go home with their ſaid Nets and Boats every *Saturday* Morning to their own Houſes. And in *Lent-time* they may ſtand every Day, the Sabbath-day excepted.

Trinkerman to keep his Cooplement and obſerve the following Orders,

33. *Item*, That no Trink ſhall ſtand in any Birth more than is allowed him to ſtand, but ſhall ſtand in all ſuch ſeveral Places, and in ſuch Manner as hereafter followeth, and in no other Place, That is to ſay, he ſhall keep is Cooplement.

At *Blackwall-Ferry*, two, 1 a-breaſt or Front, and no more.

At *Ley Shelp*, two, and no more.

At *Woolwich Shelp* 2, and no more.
At *Woolwich Town* 5, and no more.
At *Gallions Naſſe*, 3, and no more.
At *Buſards Buſh* five and no more.
At the Eaſt and Weſt End of *Barking Shelp*, two at each Place, and no more.
At *Dagnam Shelp* ſix, and no more.
At the *Carrack* four, and no more.
At *Julian-tree Job* three, and no more.
At *Dartford Job* 3, and no more.
At the *Bight* at *Erith Naſſe* three and no more.
At *Stoke-fleet Naſſe*, alias *Stakes-end*, five, and no more.
At *Evely Hole*, five, and no more.
At *Purfleet*, five, and no more.
At *Gray's Thorock*, 6, and no more.
At the *Two Thoroughs*, three and no more.
And every Trink to keep his true Cooplement, and to ſtand no more in a Birth.

Times and Orders to Fiſh for Whitings.

34. *Item*, That no Trink ſhall ſtand to Fiſh for Whitings till the Ember Week before *Michaelmas* Yearly, and to come no higher than *Purfleet*, and to have the Hoſe or Cod of his Net full Inch and half. And upon *Saturday*

Saturday, Sun ſet, to waſh off his Net, hale up and go home, and not to return to his Labour again till *Monday* Morning Day-light. And ſo likewiſe ſhall every Fiſherman do from *London-Bridge* Weſtward, to *Graveſend-Bridge* in the Eaſt and not otherwiſe.

Orders how Trinkermen are to be admitted.

35. *Item*, That no Trinkerman or other Fiſherman ſhall buy any Trink, or take or receive any Copy under the Seal of the Office of Mayoralty, until he be allowed and thought fit by the Lord Mayor of *London*, or by his Subſtitute the Water-Bailiff for the Time being, with the general Liking and Conſents of the ſaid Company of Trinkermen, and ſeventeen Trinks allowed and no more.

No Trink to keep his Birth contrary to antient Order and Cuſtom.

36. *Item*, That no Trink ſhall ſtand to Fiſh before any Breach Mouth at the riſing or ſinking of any Mother-Fiſhes, or in the Time of Spawn or Brood of Fiſh; and that every Trink ſhall at all Times and Seaſons take up and carry away his Anchor at his Time of his leaving off from Fiſhing, and not to leave his ſaid Anchor behind him to keep his Birth, contrary to antient Order and Cuſtom.

To put out a Light every dark and foggy Night, &c.

37. *Item*, That each Trink ſhall every dark and foggy Night hang forth out of his ſaid Trink-Boat one Lanthorn with ſufficient Candle-light, for the better and ſafer Paſſage of Ships, Boats, and Veſſels paſſing to and fro upon the ſaid River: And that every Trink-Cable be no more than twenty Fathom long at the moſt; or any Henbilt above twenty two Fathom long. And likewiſe to have a Ward of forty Fathom to ſhere off and give way, if any Ship, Crayer, or other Veſſel ſhall chance to drive upon them.

Trinkerman to appear at Guildhall Chappel before the Wate rBailiff.

38. *Item*, That every Trinkerman ſhall, one Week before his going to fiſh, come up to the Chappel of *Guild-hall*, *London*, and there appear before the Water-Bailiff, as well to receive Leave and Licence for their going forth, as alſo to hear the Orders and Inſtitutions ordained for the Preſervation of the ſaid River, to be there openly and publickly read, to the end they may the better obſerve and keep the ſaid Orders and every thing therein contained.

Directions for Smelt Fiſhing, and that every Hebberman

39. *Item*, That no Hebberman ſhall fiſh for Smelts before the twenty fourth Day of *Auguſt* yearly, and ſo to

to continue till *Good-Friday*; and that no Hebbermen ſhall fiſh in any Haven, Creek, Breach, or Iſſue, with any Net of leſs Aſſize than three Inches for Flounders from the Feaſt of *Eaſter*, until the ſaid twenty-fourth Day of *Auguſt* yearly. And ſhall likewiſe appear before the Water-Bailiff of *London*, at the Chappel of *Guild-hall*, there to receive Leave or Licence for their ſaid going forth. And that the Meiſh of their ſaid Smelt-Nets be full Inch wet and dry, and not otherwiſe.

appear at *Guildhall* Chappel, before the Water Bailiff.

40. *Item*, That every Hebberman ſhall fiſh by the Shore, and pitch their Pole at half Ebb, and ſhall have but forty Fathom Rope allowed from the Pitch of their Pole into the River, not to lie a Floating or Flatting for Smelts between two Anchors in the Midſt of the Stream; nor ſhall have any Kind of Weight of Lead, Iron, Stone, Barrel, Firking, Kilderkin, Cask, or with any Wherry or other Device. nor ſhall fiſh from *Good-Friday* till *Bartholomew-Tide* yearly, betwixt *London Bridge* and *Graveſend*, with any Net under two Inches, except with a Wade-Net for Bait only.

No Hebberman to lie Floating or Flatting for Smelts, &c.

41. *Item*,

Not to work higher than *Dartford-Creek* for Whitings, &c.

41. *Item*, That no Hebberman ſhall work any higher for Whitings than *Dartford-Creek*, and to work with no Manner of Net for Whitings of leſs Aſſize than full Inch and half wet and dry: Nor ſhall go forth to take any of the ſaid Whitings yearly, until they be lawfully licenced by the Water-Bailiff of *London*, before whom they are ſeverally to appear at the ſaid Chappel of *Guildhall*, *London*, one Week before *Gang-tide* yearly.

All Trawlers Names to be given to the Lord Mayor or Water-Bailiff, &c.

42. *Item*, You ſhall preſent the Names and Surnames of every Trawler, unto the Lord-Mayor of *London*, or his Subſtitute the Water-Bailiff for the Time being. And that no Trawler ſhall fiſh above *Hole-Haven* on the North-ſide, and *Parſing* on the South-ſide, till a Fortnight after *Michaelmas* yearly, and all the Summer to uſe no Net for Soals under two Inches and a half in the Cod, being two Yards long, and the reſt of the Net to be three Inches. And no Trawler to work in *Tilbury-Hope* after *Michaelmas* with any manner of Net under four Inches for Plaice all the Net over. And no Trawler to come upon any Trawl with any other Net at any Time of the Year.

43. *Item*,

43. *Item*, To preſent all ſuch as have pitched, ſet or erected any Riff-Hedge, or Half Nets upon Stakes or otherwiſe within the full Sea and low Water, being an Engine utterly to kill ſmall Fiſh; and what Landmen they be upon *Kentiſh-Shore*, or in any other Place within the Waters of *Thames* and *Medway*, that do or have uſed the ſame. To preſent all Offenders.

44. *Item*, That no Trawler do ſtay aboard to fiſh after *Whitſuntide* againſt *Wedneſday* Market till *Bartholomew-tide* yearly, nor that no Trawler do fiſh in *Tilbury-Hope* upon the *Saturday* after Sun-riſing, but to waſh off, hale up, and go home, as all other Fiſhermen ought to do, and according to the old and ancient Cuſtoms of the River of *Thames* and Waters of *Medway*. The times for Fiſhing.

45. *Item*, That every Trawler upon the River *Eaſtwards* do yearly appear before the Water-Bailiff of *London* at the Chappel of *Guildhall* one Week before the true Times and Seaſons of going forth to fiſh, then and there to receive Leave and Licence for the ſaid goings forth, and to hear the Orders and Inſtitutions ordained for the Preſervation and Government of the River Time for every Trawler's Appearance before the Water-Bailiff.

River of *Thames*, to be there openly and publickly read to the end that they may the better obſerve and perform the ſame.

Aſſize of Fish to take and bring to Market.

46. *Item*, That no Trawler that hath or doth uſe to Trawl to take Soal, Chates, Plaice or Thorn-back, ſhall take or bring any ſuch Fiſh to any Market or to any Country-Town to ſell, except they contain the Aſſize as followeth, that is to ſay, every ſuch Soal, Chate, Plaice, and Thorn-back to contain in length ſeven Inches with the Head and Tail, and not under.

Directions to be obſerved by Draggermen.

47. *Item*, That no Draggerman that hath or doth uſe to drag for Shrimps, ſhall go forth to fiſh till the firſt Day of *November* yearly, and to continue till *Good-Friday*: Nor ſhall uſe any ſuch Drag at any Time of the Year above *Maggot-Maſſe* on the South-ſide, and *Staky-Brake* Creek on the North ſide, and not otherwiſe And that every Draggerman ſhall, upon the firſt Day of *November* yearly, appear before the Water-Bailiff of *London*, to receive Leave and Licence for going forth.

All Fishermen to keep true Order of Shooting

48, *Item*, That all Manner of Fiſhermen whatſoever, that uſe to take Shads

Shads in Shadding Time, ſhall obſerve and keep their true Order of ſhooting a Droves length off from one another, and to preſent what Diſorders are kept among them, both in going forth upon *Sundays* or otherwiſe. And that none of the ſaid Shadders ſhall go forth to Fiſh until they have received Leave and Licence of the Lord Mayor of *London*, or his Subſtitute the Water-Bailiff for the Time being, their true Time of going forth to be the Week before *Eaſter* yearly, and not before.

No Peterman to fleet for Flounders with any Rug Net in the Night time.

49. *Item*, That no Peterman whatſoever, from *London-Bridge* in the Weſt, as far as the River *Medway* in the Eaſt, ſhall fleet for Flounders with any Rug-Net in the Night-time, from Sun going down until Day-light the next Morning betwixt *Michaelmas* and *Chriſtmas*, becauſe in the Night-time they may make great Deſtruction of ſmall Flounders, and carry them away both unſeen and unknown. Nor that no Peterman do fiſh with any Hagan or Smelt-Net below *London-Bridge* at any Time of the Year.

No Peterman ſhall fiſh betwixt *London Bridge*

50. *Item*, That no Peterman or other Perſon whatſoever ſhall fiſh

and *Limehouſe Naſſe*, but for Shads; and Rules to be obſerved in Rugging.

betwixt *London-Bridge* and *Limehouſe-Naſſe*, with any manner of Net to fleet, beat or rug at any Time of the Year, except for Shads only: Nor that no Peterman do rug from *London-Bridge* to *Blackwall*, and ſo Eaſtward, from *Michaelmas* yearly, until *Whitſuntide*, but only three Caſts at high Water, and three Caſts at low Water in and out, and every Rug-Net is to contain two Inches three Quarters in the Meiſh wet and dry, and every Bley-Net two Inches and half throughout wet and dry.

Smelts Leaps.

51. *Item*, That no Fiſherman or other Perſon whatſoever, ſhall lay down in the River of *Thames* Eaſtwards, any Smelt-leaps before St. *Paul's* Day yearly, and ſo to continue till *Good-Friday* next following, and no longer. Nor that no Fiſherman or other Perſon ſhall lay in the ſaid River any more than only one Wand of eighteen and no more, and not to lay them down until they be lawfully licenſed thereunto by the Lord Mayor or Water Bailiff, and none to uſe them but Fiſhermen and Houſhoulders.

Foreſtalling.

52, *Item*, You ſhall further enquire and true Preſentment make, of all ſuch

ſuch Perſons, as do uſe to go down the River to buy up either Fiſh, Victuals, and other Commodities, before the ſame cometh to *Billingſgate* and other Keys, being known and appointed Places of Sale, Vent and Diſcharge thereof: If you know any ſuch, you ſhall preſent who they be, and how often they have ſo done.

At a Court of Aldermen the Tenth of July, 1673, *an Order was made as followeth,* viz.

Orders for the Preſervation of the Fish

Drawing the Shores.

'THIS Court conſidering the great Decay of the Fiſhing-trade in the River of *Thames*, and conceiving the drawing the Shores (of late ſo frequently practiſed) is the chief ground thereof, as tending to the great Prejudice and utter Deſtruction of the Brood and Fry of all ſorts of Fiſh, did thereupon this Day ſtrictly order and enjoin, That no Perſon do hereafter preſume to draw the Shores of the River of *Thames* upon any Pretence whatſoever, at any Time or Seaſon of the Year, either with lawful or unlawful Nets, ſave only for

Allowed for Salmons only

‘ for Salmons in Rooms appointed
‘ and ſet out for that purpoſe by this
‘ Court: And that none do fiſh for
‘ Salmons in ſuch Rooms, but only
‘ ſuch as ſhall be impowered there-
‘ unto under the Seal of the May-
‘ oralty of this City: And alſo that
With Nets 6 Inches in the Meiſh. ‘ none Fiſh with a Net under ſix
‘ Inches in the Meiſh, upon Pain that
‘ every Offender ſhall forfeit for every
‘ ſuch Offence, his Nets and pay as
Penalty 20 l. and Impriſonment. ‘ a Fine, the Sum of Twenty Pounds,
‘ and ſuffer Impriſonment during the
‘ Pleaſure of the Court. And to the
‘ End more diligent and ſtrict Search
‘ may for the future be made upon
‘ the ſaid River than heretofore hath
‘ been, or poſſible can be by one
‘ ſingle Perſon, for ſuch as fiſh with
‘ unlawful Nets, at unlawful Times,
‘ and in unlawful manner; the Wa-
‘ ter-Bailiff for the time being, is
Water Bailiff Empower'd to grant Deputations. ‘ by this Court ordered and empow-
‘ er'd, from time to time, to autho-
‘ rize two or more honeſt Fiſhermen,
‘ in ſuch Town and Places as he ſhall
‘ think convenient, as well below as
‘ above the Bridge, to be aſſiſtant to
‘ him in the Execution of his Duty;
‘ and when they ſhall think fit, to go
‘ out and ſearch for any ſuch Offend-
‘ ers,

'ers, and to take away their Nets, and give their Names to Mr. Water-Bailiff, that he may take effectual Care, that they be ſeverely proceeded againſt, according to Law.

To ſearch for Offenders & take away their Nets.

Wagſtaffe.

The following Clauſe is part of the Act made the Ninth Year of the Reign of Queen Anne.

AND be it Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That the ſaid Court of Aſſiſtants ſhall Yearly and every Year, by even and equal Portions on the Feaſt-Days of *Eaſter* and *Michaelmas*, pay or Cauſe to be paid to the ſaid Water-Bailiff, or his Aſſigns, the Sum of Thirty Pounds, free from all Taxes and other Incumbrances, in Lieu and Satisfaction of ſuch Ancient Fees as were due to him, and which will be diminiſhed or Taken away, by Virtue of this Act, except the Granting Licences for taking Fiſh in their ſeveral Seaſons, according to Cuſtom, the Benefit whereof

The Court of Aſſiſtants of the Company of Fishermen, to pay 30 l. yearly to the Water Bailiff.

whereof is hereby intended to be continued and ſaved unto the ſaid Water-Bailiff for the time being, over and above the ſaid Sum of Thirty Pounds *per Annum*.

Names and Place of Abode to be painted on every Boat.

Alſo, the ſame Act directs ſome Mark of Diſtinction to be placed on every Boat, which is to be underſtood, by each Fiſherman having his Name and Place of Abode legibly painted thereon, on the Penalty of forfeiting a Sum not exceeding Ten Pounds.

Orders

Orders Deviſed and agreed upon by the Right Honourable Daniel Lambert *Eſq; Lord Mayor of the City of* London, *Conſervator of the River of* Thames, *Waters of* Medway, *and River* Lee, *for the Conſervation and Preſervation of the Spawn, Brood, and Fry of Fiſh therein, as followeth.*

Daniel Lambert, Eſq; Mayor, 1741.

IMPRIMIS, To the End, all unlawful Nets, and Engines, and other Abuſes, offer'd to the Prejudice, and Deſtruction of the Fiſhery, within the Juriſdiction of the Lord Mayor of *London* may be diſcovered, and the Offenders puniſh'd,

How unlawful Nets, &c. may be diſcovered, and the Offenders puniſh'd.

It is Ordained, that no Net under the Aſſize of two Inches and half in the Meiſh, ſhall be worked, or wrought, by any Perſon uſing the Art, Myſtery, or Craft of a Fiſherman, at any time of the Year, above *Richmond Crane*, upon the River of *Thames*, by reaſon, it is very prejudicial, and deſtructive, to the *Fry*, and *Spawn* of Fiſh, there being

No Net under 2 Inches and a Half ſhall be worked above *Richmond-Crane* upon the River of *Thames*.

being no Seaſon of Smelts above that Place;

Not touſe any Net in beating of the *Buſh*, &c. of leſs Aſſize than aforeſaid.

Nor ſhall uſe any Net in that Work, called *Beating of the Buſh, Flag*, or *Reed*, which ſhall be of leſs Aſſize than three Inches in the Meiſh:

Nor to uſe Weights or Stones to their Nets on Penalty of 40 s.

Nor ſhall uſe any Weights, or Stones to their Nets upon Forfeiture of Forty Shillings for each Offence.

No Pike-Net, &c. ſhall be drawn over the Weeds on Penalty of 40 s.

Item, That no Pike-Net, or other Net, or Engine ſhall be wrought or drawn over the Weeds, for Catching of Pikes, by any Perſon uſing the Art, Miſtery, or Craft of a Fiſherman, within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid; by Reaſon it is deſtructive to, and occaſioneth the driving off all other Fiſh out of the Weſtern Rivers, which o therwiſe would lie, and Breed and Spawn, in the ſaid Weeds, upon the like Penalty and Forfeiture of Forty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

No Perſon ſhall bend any Net by Anchors, &c. whereby the Spawn of Barbell or other Fiſh may be deſtroy'd, upon the Forfeiture of 40 s.

Item, That no Perſon uſing the Art, Myſtery, or Craft of a Fiſherman ſhall at any Time, within the ſai Juriſdiction, bend any Net by Anchor or otherwiſe thwart the Channel, an ſo as to draw another Net into whereby the Spawn of Barbel, an other Fiſh may be deſtroyed, upon th Forfeitu

Forfeiture of Forty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

Item, That no ſuch Perſon ſhall Draw, Work, or Land, any Net for Salmon, of a leſſer Aſſize than three Inches in the Meiſh, from the Tenth of *March* until the Fourteenth of *September*, in any part of the River of *Thames*, from *Kewpile Weſtward*, to the City of *London*, *Mark-ſtone* above *Staines-Bridge*, upon Forfeiture of Forty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

No Perſon to Draw, Work, or Land any Net for Salmon of leſs Aſſize than 3 Inches 1 Half in the Meiſh from *March* 10, to *Sept.* 14 from *Kewpile* Weſtward, to the City of *London Mark ſtone above Staines-Bridge* on the Penalty of 40 s.

Item, That no ſuch Perſon ſhall Band, or uſe the Trade of Banding within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, at any time of the Year, except between the firſt Day of *November* and the firſt Day of *March* Yearly: Nor ſhall uſe any more than twelve Bands at a Time, nor above one Hundred Hooks upon each Band; nor ſhall lay down within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, any more, or other Bands in the mean time, whilſt thoſe twelve Bands are baited afreſh; upon Forfeiture of Forty Shillings for every ſuch Offence.

No Perſon to Band within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, but between Nov. 1, and March 1, nor than any more than 12 Bands and 100 hooks upon each Band, on Penalty of 40 s.

Item, For the more Eaſy finding out of Offenders, their Names and Places of Abode;

How to find out Offenders.

It is further Ordered, That every Perſon, who ſhall Fiſh with a Boat, within

Fiſhermen to have their Names on their Boats, and their Place of Abode.

within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, after the twenty fifth Day of *December*, 1741, ſhall have on his Boat both his Chriſtian and Sirname, and alſo the Name of the Pariſh in which he dwelleth, legibly painted in ſome convenient Place, where any one may ſee and read the ſame; on Forfeiture of Twenty Shillings for every Time he ſhall act contrary hereunto.

No Perſon to go out to fish without Leave firſt obtained of the Water-Bailiff.

Item, That no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall, at any time, or times hereafter, upon any Seaſon or Seaſons, whatſoever, go out to Fiſh for Smelts, Shads, or any other Fiſh whatſoever; or lay Leaps, or Rods for Eels, in any Place within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, without Leave, and a Licence firſt had and obtained, under the Hand and Seal of the Water-Bailiff, for the time being, who ſhall have, and receive, for every ſuch Licence, the ſame Fees, and Duties, as have been Immemorially paid, and allowed to the Water-Bailiff for every Licence:

Water-Bailiff to appoint proper Seaſon for fiſhing.

And that the ſaid Water-Bailiff, for the Time being, ſhall from time to time Limit and appoint the proper, and reſpective Times, and Seaſons for the ſaid Fiſhermens going forth to Fiſh: And that upon every ſuch Occaſion

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all, and every of the ſaid Fiſhermen, ſhall, upon due Summons or Notice, given, Repair to the ſaid Water-Bailiff, at the Chapel at the *Guildhall*, *London*, there to receive and take out their ſeveral and reſpective Licences for ſuch their going forth to Fiſh; and to hear the Ordinances for the Preſervation of the Fiſhery, publickly and openly read, to the End that they may the better obſerve and keep the ſaid Ordinances; and that none go out to Fiſh, without ſuch a Grant or Licence, and that every Fiſherman offending herein, ſhall forfeit and pay five Pounds for every ſuch Offence.

To appear at *Guildhall* Chappel upon due Notice on Penalty of 5 l.

Item, For the better Prevention of uſing unlawful Craft, by fiſhing with unlawful Nets and Engines.

To prevent fishing with unlawful Nets

It is further Ordained, That any Perſon or Perſons, Fiſhermen, or OTHERS, who ſhall be authorized thereunto by the Water-Bailiff, for the Time being, ſhall, and may, from Time to Time, and at all Times, quietly, and peaceably, enter into any Boat or Boats, Veſſel or Veſſels belonging to any Perſon or Perſons, uſing the Art or Craft of Fiſhing in any Water, or Waters within the Juriſdiction aforeſaid, to view, and ſearch for all unſeizable, and unlawful, Nets and

Perſon or Perſons authoriz'd by the Water-Bailiff, may ſearch Fiſhing Boats at any Time.

and Engines, and for any Fiſh which they ſhall ſuſpect to be taken, killed, or deſtroyed, contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom; and the ſame unlawful Nets and Engines to ſeize and take away, and bring to the Water-Bailiff (with the Names of every ſuch Offender, that they may be proceeded againſt according to Law) and to ſeize and take away the Fiſh ſo taken and deſtroyed, contrary to the ſaid Laws, and to diſtribute the ſame among the Poor: And whoſoever ſhall reſiſt or diſturb the ſaid Water-Bailiff and his Deputies, or any of them in the Execution of their lawful Office or Employment, of ſearching for, and ſeizing unlawful Nets, Engines, or Fiſh as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and pay Twenty Marks of lawful Money of *England* for every ſuch Offence.

Not to reſiſt the Water-Bailiff or his Deputies on Penalty of 40 Marks.

FINIS.